

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ Grasso outlines 2006 SANBAG achievements

What a year it was! Executive Director Tony Grasso's first year at SANBAG was filled with new transportation projects, continued work on the Measure I Strategic Plan, increased Metrolink riders, work to secure bond funds and much more, he explained in a report of achievements during the past 12 months. Highlights include:

- Public awareness and the successful inclusion of Prop 42 funding in the state budget and the passage of Propositions 1A and 1B
- Restructuring of SANBAG financial and management systems
- Continued construction of Route 210 and Interstate 10, and new construction on the Interstate 215 5th Street bridge project and Route 210 landscaping
- Preparation for grade separation construction at State Street and Ramona Avenue
- Initiation of the Victor Valley Area Transportation Study and the US-395 realignment Environmental Impact Report
- Update of future Measure I project costs and projected revenue and ongoing work on the Measure I expenditure plan
- Full implementation of the Development Mitigation Program and Nexus Study
- Continued input to the Southern California Association of Governments through policy committees
- Participation in formulation of guidelines for the Prop 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account
- Launch of six Freeway Service Patrol beats
- Review of Long-Range Transit Plan and alternative transit networks
- Completion of station plans for Redlands passenger rail extension
- Sponsorship of design-build bill with Assemblyman Bill Emmerson
- Hosting of legislative staff luncheons and development of transportation legislative platform for Inland Action group



■ Van Scoyoc named federal advocate

SANBAG will receive a hand with its federal lobbying efforts under a new four-year contract with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc., which received unanimous Board approval.

Established in 1990, Van Scoyoc employs 70 governmental experts and will help SANBAG with its federal legislative efforts, including increased funding for highway, rail, bus, air quality and mobility programs, and enhanced funding to mitigate the effects of goods movement through the Inland Empire.

■ Dale elected as SANBAG Vice President; members named to committees

Barstow Mayor Lawrence Dale was elected unanimously as the new SANBAG Vice President. He will complete the term held by Jim Lindley, former councilmember of Hesperia.

Dale has served as Barstow's Mayor since 2000 and is the District 11 Director for the Southern California Association of Governments.

Other Board members were named to the following committees:

- Paul Eaton, Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority and alternate to the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
- Larry McCallon, California Association of Councils of Governments
- Diane Williams, Metro Gold Line Phase II Joint Powers Authority

Board members also chose policy committee representatives. For a full list, go to the "About Committees" page of www.sanbag.ca.gov.

Down the road . . .

- Jan. 17: Administrative Committee, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 17: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Jan. 18: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 18: Commuter Rail Committee, 12 noon
- Jan. 19: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 31: WTS-IE Annual Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2: I-215 Ground-Breaking Event, 12 noon

Board finalizes Prop 1B application list Funding sought through Corridor Mobility Improvement Account

SANBAG is seeking its share of funding for traffic congestion relief on major freeways through Proposition 1B, passed by California voters in November. Board members approved a list of projects totaling more than \$500 million for which it will apply for funds through the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) this month.

The CMIA is the first — and largest — category of funds to be released from Prop 1B. This account totals \$4.5 billion out of the \$19.925 billion authorized through the bond.

During the past several months, SANBAG has been studying projects for eligibility and refining its list to ensure that candidate projects meet the guidelines that have been established by the California Transportation Commission. The commission is expected to make funding decisions for projects statewide at its meeting on February 28-March 1.

This month's *Street Smart* provides information about the projects approved by the Board of Directors.

Interstate 215 Improvements, San Bernardino

This project is intended to reduce delay by adding two lanes north and south, widening bridges, removing fast-lane entrances and exits and improving freeway access. CMIA request: \$111.7 million

Interstate 10 Improvements, Fontana/Bloomington.

Designed to reduce traffic congestion, this project will widen exit ramps and add auxiliary lanes between the Cherry, Citrus and Cedar interchanges in the Fontana/Bloomington area. CMIA request: \$30.3 million



Traffic congestion relief is needed along the Interstate 10 corridor near Fontana. Motorists trying to use the Cherry Avenue onramp face substantial delays during morning commute times.

Interstate 10 Corridor, Fontana-Rialto

This project is the first phase of the ultimate Interstate 10 widening between Interstate 15 and the San Bernardino County/Riverside County line. This first phase will include the Interstate 10 improvements listed above, but also widen the Cherry, Citrus and Riverside interchanges to accommodate the new carpool lane. This project will accelerate the delivery of the carpool lane, helping to

reduce traffic congestion along Interstate 10. CMIA request: \$106.6 million

Interstate 10 Westbound Lane Addition, Yucaipa and Redlands

Intended to relieve morning westbound traffic congestion between Yucaipa and Redlands, this new lane would mirror the truck-climbing lane that was completed in 2005. CMIA request: \$38 million

Interstate 15 Improvements, Victorville

This project would relieve the Interstate 15 bottleneck in Victorville by widening the Mojave River bridge and reconstructing interchanges at D Street, E Street and Stoddard Wells. CMIA request: \$46.4 million

Route 58 Widening, Hinkley

Designed to relieve congestion and improve safety by widening this two-lane highway to a four-lane freeway or expressway on a new alignment, this project also would provide a statewide freight movement benefit. CMIA request: \$93.6 million

La Mesa/Nisqualli Road Interchange with Interstate 15, Victorville

As a new interchange, La Mesa Road/Nisqualli Road would offer relief to the severely congested Bear Valley Road interchange. CMIA request: \$37 million

Ranchero Road Interchange with Interstate 15, Hesperia

Like La Mesa/Nisqualli Road, Ranchero Road is a new interchange with Interstate 15. It is designed to serve as an alternative to the crowded Main Street interchange and provide additional access for emergency response vehicles. CMIA request: \$27 million

Route 210/Interstate 215 Connectors, San Bernardino

New flyover ramps between the new State Route 210 and Interstate 215 are planned to relieve freeway congestion in this area. CMIA request: \$22 million